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POLAND (as of 1500, 18 December 1970)

1. Strikes are still in progress in the three Northern cities of Gdansk, Gdynia and Sopot. These are partial strikes ranging from walkouts of one-third of the work force of some enterprises to total walkouts in some enterprises. (Western press).

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[redacted] and it is presumed that naval patrols are still also in progress.

2. In Szczecin there were disturbances this (Western press). The Polish authorities have cancelled all school classes and urged parents to keep their children off the streets. The authorities have also cancelled the afternoon work shifts in the city's factories on the grounds that the curfew at 1800 hours would not give the workers time enough to get home after close of work at 1700 hours. (Polish press).

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3. [redacted]

[redacted] In addition, all commercial flights to and from the Silesian cities of Katowice and Wroclaw have been cancelled. (Western Press).

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4. Disturbances have been reported in various other cities (e.g., Lodz, Bydgoszcz, Poznan and Slupsk).

In Warsaw some partial walkouts have been reported.

Plants affected include the Zieran Works where the 1956 Polish riots in Warsaw began. The striking workers are demanding wage increases, as are workers who are striking elsewhere in Poland. (Press)

5. The Polish regime remains firm in holding to the wage and price changes that touched off the disturbances. Premier Cyrankiewicz, in a nation-wide radio address yesterday, made a moderate statement appealing to the nationalist common sense to the people but also clearly indicating that the Government would not back down from its position on wages and prices.

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will be recalled that the intervention in Czechoslovakia in 1968 was on the grounds that the situation there was "counterrevolutionary." The Bulgarian Finance Minister on 15 December announced that there would be no price increases in Bulgaria.

7. Word has just arrived that the Newsweek bureau in Vienna has monitored a broadcast which said that there was rioting in Rostock, East Germany. On the SED network, however, Rostock reported to Berlin at 1030Z, 18 December that all precautions had been taken and everything was quiet. (Comint).

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